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Subject: RE: OCSP 1:1 Meeting

Nate,

As requested.

Mark

EU Interested in Cooperating on Pesticides

The EPA Administrator and Director-General for Health and Food Safety Anne Bucher discussed U.S. and EU pesticide policies, particularly the differences between hazard-based versus risk-based assessment programs; Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and import tolerances; and the regulatory status of certain pesticides, including clothianidin, glyphosate, and chlorpyrifos during a meeting on May 2. EPA raised concerns with the hazard-criteria used by the EU for pesticide assessments. DG SANTE stated that the EU evaluation program is generally risk-based, with the exception of narrowly defined hazard-criteria for certain categories: carcinogenic, mutagenic, and endocrine disruptors (EDs). (Comment: The hazard criteria outline more than these three categories, so it is broader than DG SANTE expressed. End Comment.) When establishing MRLs, DG SANTE uses a risk-based approach and EU member states can apply for import tolerances for banned substances. This process usually takes about two years. (Comment: The USG is unaware of any banned substance going through the full import tolerance request procedure and cannot verify this timing. End Comment). DG SANTE stressed that its risk-based and hazard-based criteria evaluations are both compliant with international trade rules and are science-based. They were keen that no misleading statements about the EU pesticide evaluation program be shared at international fora such as the WTO SPS Committee. (Comment: DG SANTE skirted the points that WTO SPS rules are risk-based and that the United States is one of a dozen countries raising the EU's hazard-based approach at the WTO SPS Committee. End Comment)

Both sides also discussed the impact of media on consumer confidence in pesticides and agreed to work together to ensure consumers know that the foods they consume are safe. DG SANTE asked about the recent U.S. decision on glyphosate and the potential impact on U.S. court cases. EPA stated that it just released an interim review decision for glyphosate, reiterating its determination that it is not carcinogenic, but could not say how this decision would impact appeal cases. EPA offered to host the next technical exchange to follow up from the previous collaboration in April.

EPA and Commission Agree to More Structured Cooperation; Approve “Working Arrangements” Document

During a meeting on May 3 in Brussels, EPA Administrator Wheeler and Daniel Calleja Crespo, the Director General (DG) at the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV) of the European Commission, exchanged a document to memorialize cooperation between DG ENV and the EPA. The DG and the Administrator expressed their interest in engaging in further discussions. Both sides recognized the importance of policy approaches that support global environmental goals as well as promote economic growth. Additionally, they acknowledged the critical role that emerging environmental innovation, stakeholder engagement, and regulation will play to prevent, reduce, and manage emissions of pollutants, and to manage

chemicals and waste in a sound manner. They agreed on further meetings and/or video conferences and information exchanges on sustainable materials management/circular economy, marine litter and plastics, clean drinking water, chemicals, and air quality. Specifically, DG ENV and EPA will:

- Arrange a technical-level meeting on recycling and food waste after a November 2019 U.S. domestic summit on the issue.
- Exchange information on EPA's WIFIA program revolving water fund and methylene chloride approved uses, review best practices on animal testing, and share recently updated draft lead and copper rules. The EU will share data on migration as it relates to access to water.
- Discuss next steps in addressing marine plastics, particularly with respect to pilot projects in Asia.
- Restart a joint Statement of Intent and update dialogues on chemicals, including possible relaunch of a work plan.

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Mark,

Chad has requested a summary from the Brussels discussion on Chemicals for his OCSPP meeting tomorrow morning. Can you craft something with staff? I'm guessing Max may already have few paragraphs from his bilateral discussion notes.

Due by 4:30 pm today to be included in Chad's binder.

Best,

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